



**NAVY F/A-18
CRASH SURVIVABLE FLIGHT
INCIDENT RECORDER (CSFIR)**

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PROGRAM REVIEW
17 November, 1998**

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On 17-18 November 1998, representatives from the Navy, Boeing and Smiths Industries (SI) met at the Naval Air Weapons Development Center, Building P302, China Lake, CA for a Program Review / Technical Interchange Meeting in support of the F/A-18 Crash Survivable Flight Incident Recorder System (CSFIR) integration program. Smiths Industries is developing software for its Voice and Data Recorder (VADR®) under this contract. A list of attendees is in attachment #1. Attachment #2 lists the resulting action items.

The objective of this meeting was to provide an update on this program including the Program Overview, Task Description, Deliverable Items, Schedule, Status of the Interface Control Document, Software Design, System Test Plans, Software Requirement Specification Review. Attachment #3 is a copy of the briefing material. In addition to the briefing material, the following items were discussed:

1. Since the proposed F/A-18 CSFIR installation does not include a download connector, the existing AN/AUQ-76A will not work without incorporating a different interface cabling scheme. Bill Parillo requested SI provide informal schematics for such an interface cable for the following two configurations: (SI action item #7)
 - The AN/AUQ-76A interfaces to the CSFIR on the aircraft.
 - The AN/AUQ-76A interfaces to the CSFIR off the aircraft and on the bench.
2. Bill Parillo asked China Lake how long they would need the CSFIR VADR® assets PMA 209 would soon be providing them. Corey Bales of China Lake recommended that all three of the VADR® assets permanently remain at China Lake for long term support of the F/A-18 and AV-8B CSFIR programs.
3. Corey Bales of China Lake requested copies of the F/A-18 ICD and Boeing ECP so he could begin developing his integration lab test setup. Boeing agreed to provide this information to China Lake. These were provided on 18 November.
4. The first F/A-18 Validation/Verification 'A' kit is not scheduled for delivery until March 2000. Since this date is significantly later than the scheduled SI software delivery and subsequent China Lake lab integration testing, Bill Parillo of PMA 209 agreed to investigate if Boeing can support early delivery and installation of one 'A' kit into a flight test aircraft. Otherwise China Lake will have to develop a unique flight test installation 'A' kit at an additional cost to the program. (PMA 209 action item). In turn, Corey Bales of China Lake agreed to provide PMA 209 schedule requirements for each of the two possibilities: (China Lake action item #6)
 - Boeing will supply the first 'A' kit and install it into the flight test aircraft.
 - China Lake will develop their own temporary flight test installation 'A' kit.

5. Corey Bales of China Lake stated that SI should submit a test plan to him requesting SI use of a China Lake F/A-18 integration test station at least three weeks prior to the scheduled testing. Information contained in the test plan should include:
 - List of equipment SI plans to bring to support the testing
 - List of equipment SI will need from China Lake
 - Version of the aircraft mission computer OFP needed
 - Testing dates
 - Specific interface requirements (MIL-STD-1553, power, discrete inputs, etc.)
6. Corey Bales discussed plans he has for developing comparison software which will compare unprocessed downloaded CSFIR data with corresponding MIL-STD-1553 transmissions the VADR uses for data acquisition. Bill Otten of SI agreed to send China Lake a copy of SI's PC DECOMP Reference Manual which documents the format of the unprocessed downloaded CSFIR data. (SI action item #3)
7. SI discussed difficulties in synchronizing F/A-18 CSFIR voice and flight data using the WinVoice software because of the unique features of the DFIRS protocol.
8. Corey Bales stated he doubts the Safety Center currently receives DFIRS data from all DFIRS equipped aircraft on a yearly basis because of the lack of equipment needed to accurately transfer the data from the field to the Safety Center.
9. Corey Bales agreed to provide an electronic version of Mission Computer ICD version 13C on compact disk to SI. This will enable SI to more easily develop their ASCDB needed for decompression of F/A-18 CSFIR mishap data. (China Lake Action Item #2). This was provided on 18 November.
10. SI plans to submit project release versions of the F/A-18 CSFIR software to China Lake until flight testing is successfully completed. The final project software release will serve as the baseline for SI formal lab testing. After the formal lab testing, the software will then be upgraded to a production release version without changing the software part number. China Lake will then conduct a short regression test on the final production software release.
11. Separate ASCDB ground software files will be required for each unique mission computer software load. SI is currently on contract for developing an ASCDB for only the 13C mission computer software load as defined in ICD-F/A-18-18-066. SI will provide PMA 209 a description on how best to support multiple ASCDBs needed for future mission computer software upgrades. (SI action item #1)

On 18 November Corey Bales conducted a F/A-18 lab tour in the afternoon.



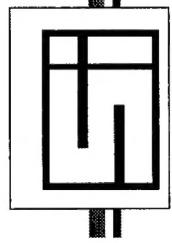
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ATTACHMENT #2
F/A-18 Program Review Action Items

#	Problem Description	Assigned to	Date Due	Originator	Date Completed	Comments
1	Provide options for adding additional ASCDB's for Mission Computer OFP updates.	SI	1-15-99	PMA-209		
2	Provide ICD-F/A-18-066 soft copy to Smiths Industries.	C. Bales	11-18-98	C. Bales	11-18-98	closed
3	Provide China Lake a copy of the Smiths Industries PC DECOMP Reference Manual.	B. Otten	11-24-98	C. Bales		Sent on 11-23-98
4	Status of '99 funding for China Lake. POC Funding/Program Issues: Steve Sinks (760) 939-9980.	PMA-209	11-30-98	J. Caudill		
5	Possibility of Boeing delivering "A Kit" by 5/99 vs 3/00 as stated in the ECP 573.	PMA-209	11-30-98	B. Parillo		
6	Provide two schedules to PMA-209. 1) First schedule to reflect China Lake designing the mod. 2) The second to reflect the use of Boeing's design.	C. Bales	1-15-99	PMA-209		
7	Provide schematic of T-Cable necessary to support data upload/download for F/A-18CSFIR application using AN/UYQ-76A Computer. Provide schematic designs for both aircraft and bench upload/download operations.	B. Parillo	12-2-98	SI		Moved from AV-8B action item #3



US Navy CSFIR Program F/A-18 C/D

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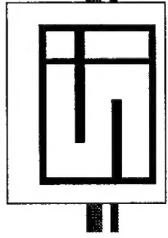
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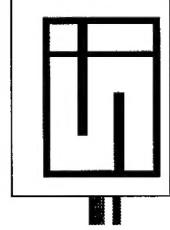


F/A-18

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USN CSFIR F/A-18 Program Overview

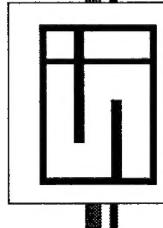
Develop Flight Software for US Navy F/A-18
C/D aircraft

Develop Ground Software to convert data

Recurring VADDR hardware not included in
the contract

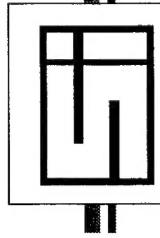
Specific aircraft variations in this effort are:
» F/A-18 C/D (versions 11C and higher)

Task Description (E / A-18)



- Develop System / Software Requirement Specification for Flight Software
- Develop VADR® Flight Software configured for F/A-18
- Develop Ground Software to convert F/A-18 data into format compatible with existing Navy Safety Center ground software tools.
- Conduct Lab integration testing at China Lake
- Test final flight software (Government invited to witness)
- Support Navy F/A-18 integration efforts

Deliverables



F/A-18 Flight Software (A004)

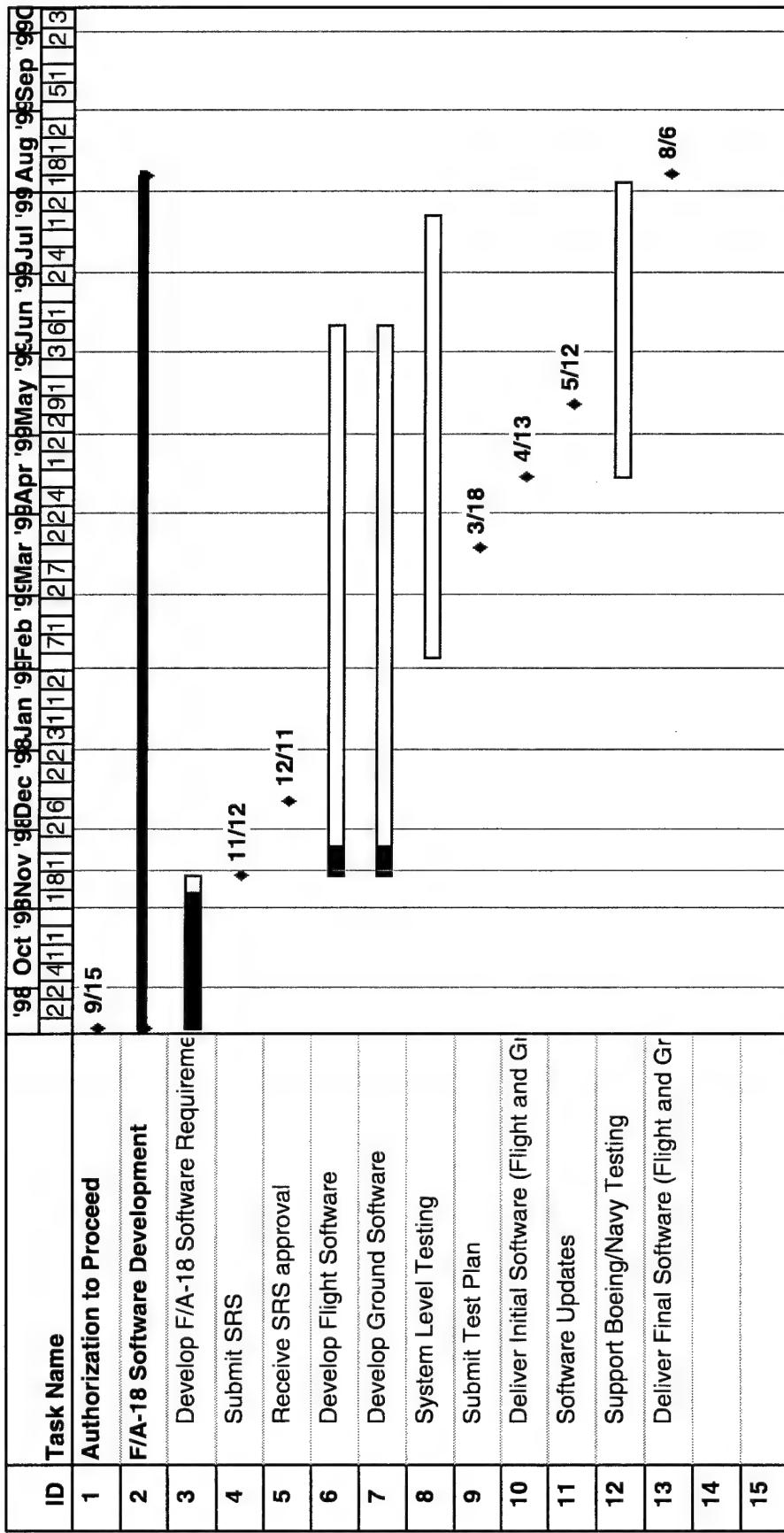
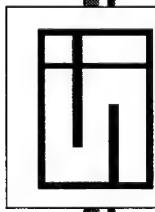
F/A-18 Ground Software (A005)

Computer and 1553 Card

Data Items

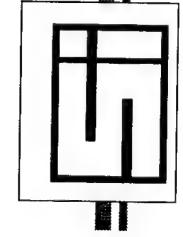
- » Meeting Agenda (A001)
- » Meeting Minutes (A002)
- » Software Requirement Specification - Flight Software (A003)
- » SI Test Plan (A006)

Schedule



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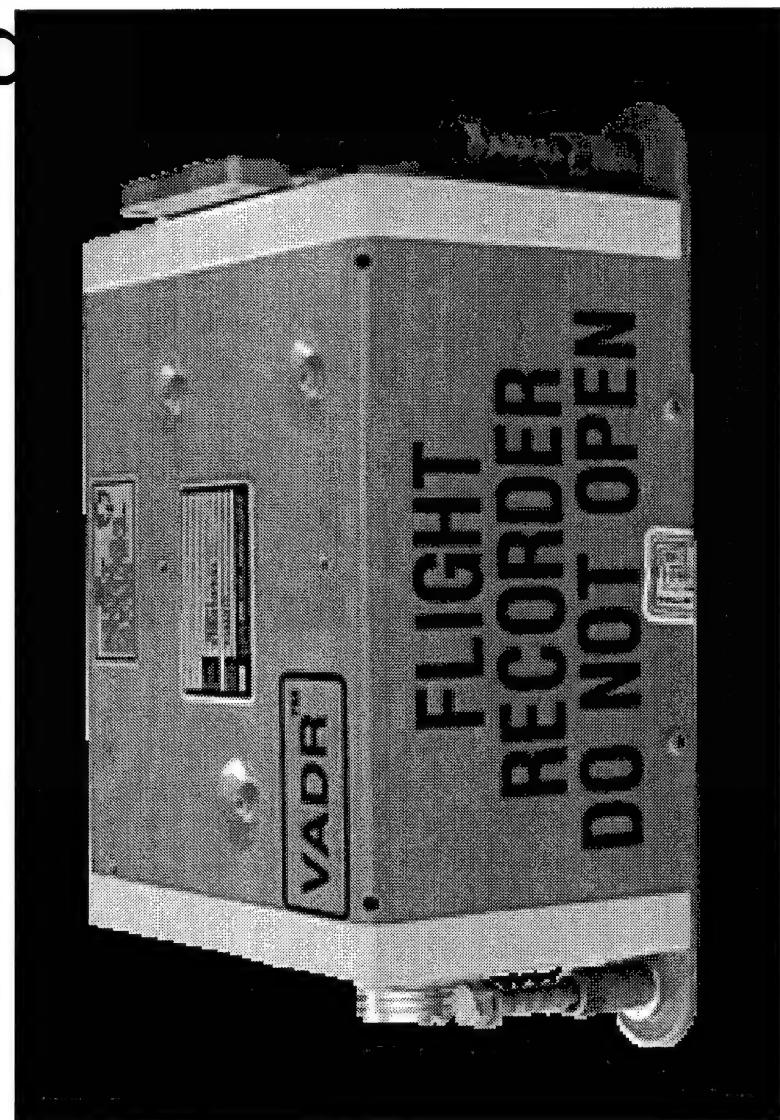
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ICD / ICN Status

Interface Control Document (ICD-F/A-18-075) approved
Interface Change Notice (ICN) submitted to Boeing for wiring
change based on Navy EMI testing.

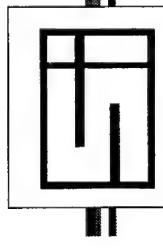
VADR Software Design



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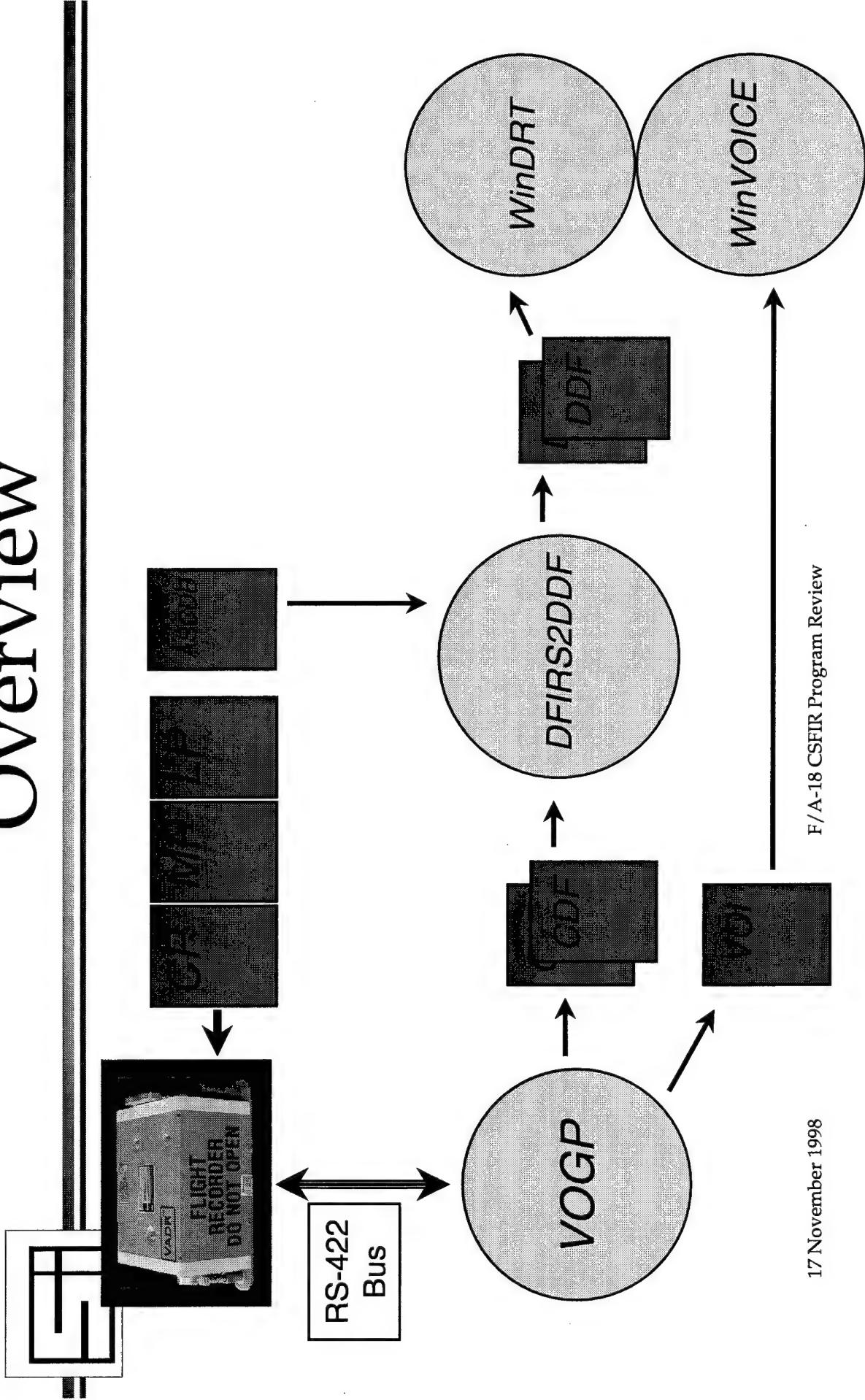
Overview

Loader Program (LP)

Core Software concept

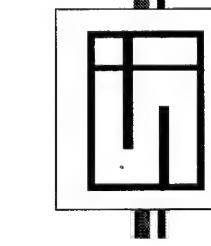
Control Program and MUX Program design

Overview



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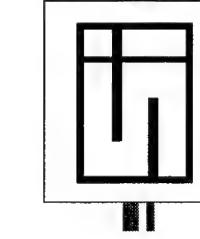


Loader Program (LP)

Allows uploading a CP

Transfers control to CP

Plan to use current released version of LP
(Same version as being used on the C2, C130,
VP-3, UP-3 and VH-3 / 60 applications)



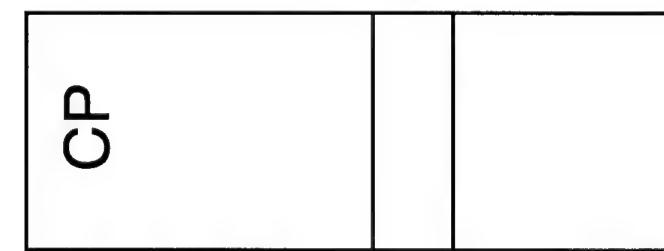
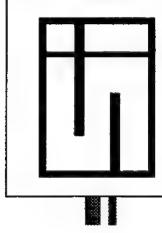
Core Software Concept

- All VADR software functionality contained in core image.
- Core software designed to meet application common requirements.
- Application specific requirements met by filling configuration data structure with application specific values.
- Separate part numbers for Core and Application Software

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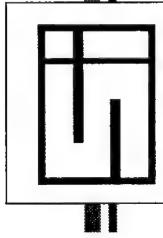
Control Program (CP) Core Concept



Configurable Items:

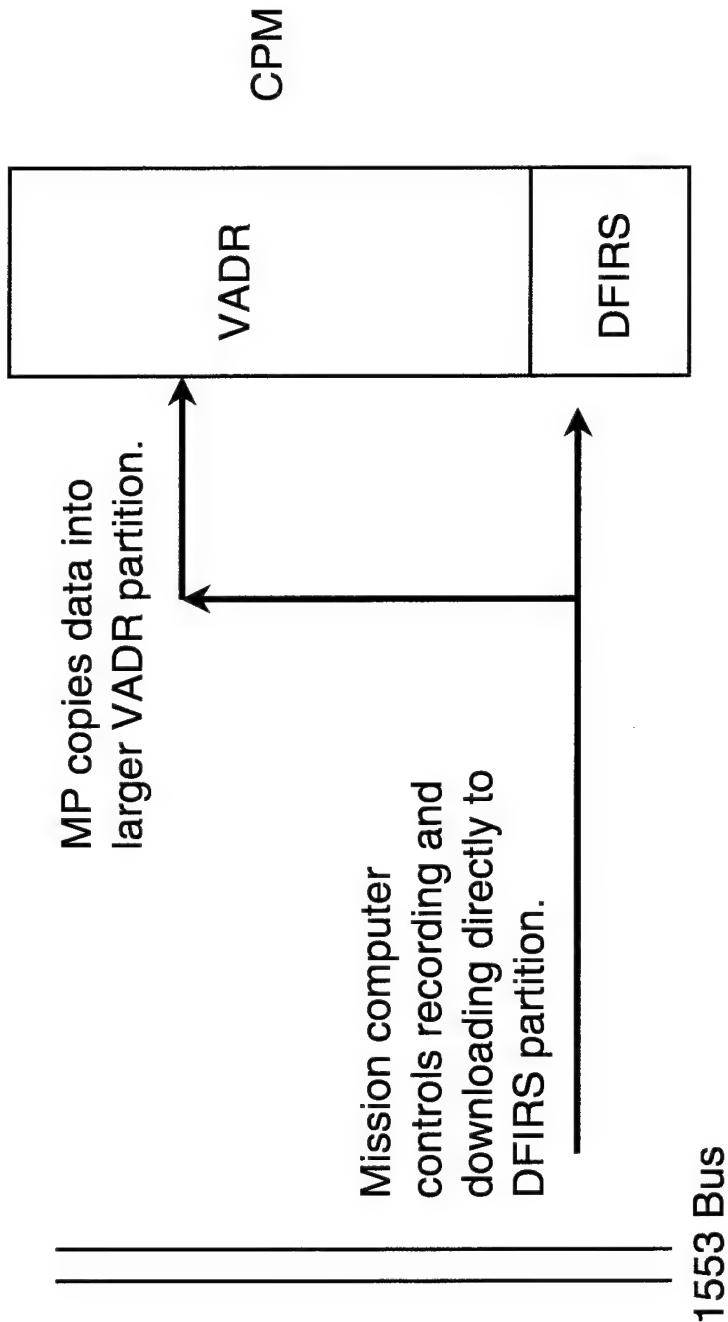
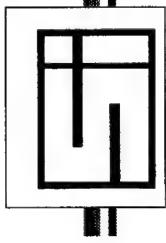
- Crash Protected Memory (CPM) Size
- CPM Partition Specifications
- Frequency Input Sample Rate
- Audio Channels
- 1553 Card Installed
- VADR RS-422 Address
- Configured CP Part Number
- Record Inhibit Parameters

Multiplex Program (MP)

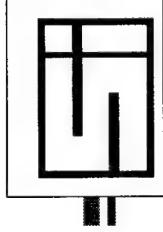


- Built from core MP as baseline, but will not contain configurable items.
- Non configurable because of unique DFIRS protocol.
- Designed for download via 1553 bus (DFIRS partition)
- Data recorded in MC record code format, not SI proprietary format - requires new ground software decompression tool (DFIRS2DDF)

Data Recording Scheme



Systems Software Testing



System / Software Testing

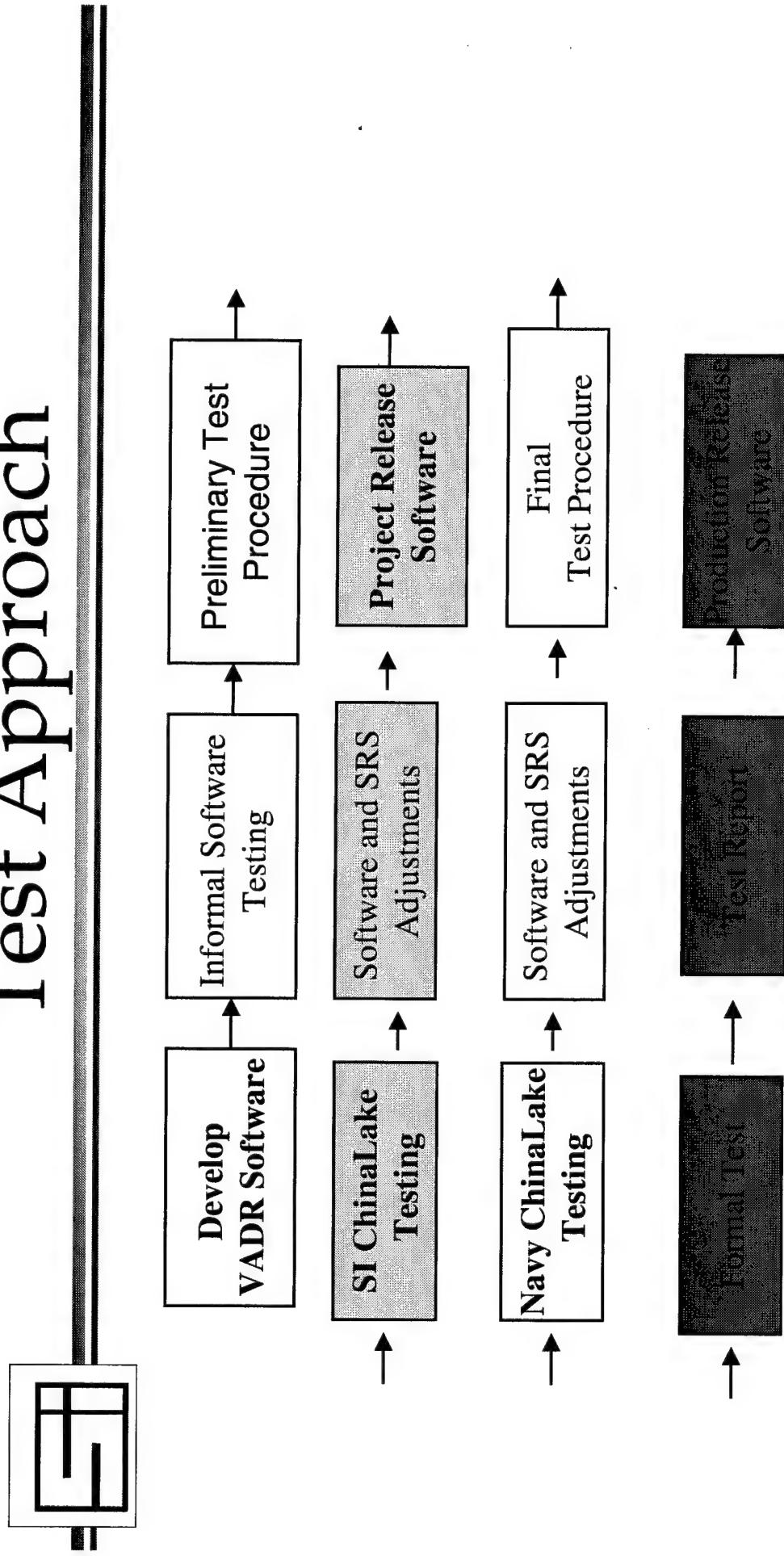
Test Approach

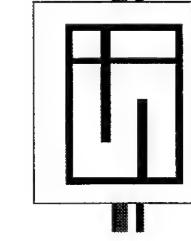
Application Specific Informal Testing

Application Specific Formal Testing

Test Setup

Test Approach

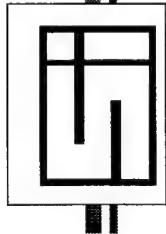




Application Specific Informal Test

- Generate preliminary test plan/procedure document which will outline the test requirements and procedure
- Perform informal testing to ensure the requirements of the SRS are met
- Project release VADR software for testing at China Lake
- Update SRS and Software based on results

Application Specific Formal Test



**Final VADR
Software**

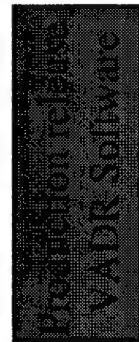
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**Final
Test Plan/
Procedure**

A finalized version of the test plan/ procedure will be used

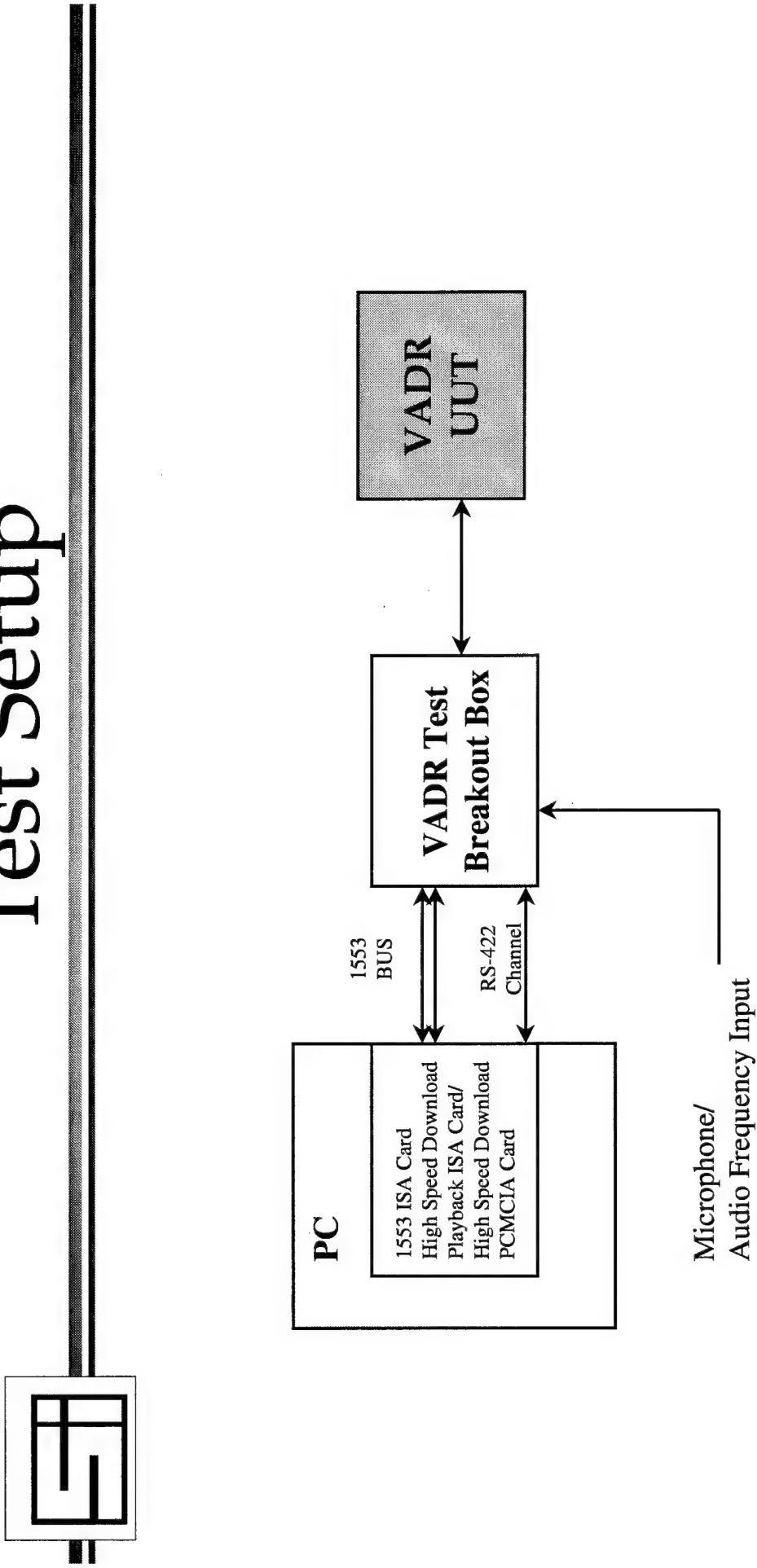
Formal Testing

A Smiths Industries Quality Assurance witness will be present during formal testing

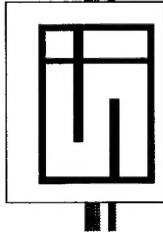


Upon the completion of formal test, a test report will be generated
Production released VADR software

Test Setup



SRS Review

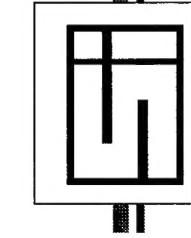


Preliminary version ready for submittal to Navy
Combines the requirements from the F / A-18 ICD
and DFIRS ICD

Parameters and record rates controlled by Mission
Computer.

Core software functions are not described in the SRS.
These requirements are documented in a SI Software
Life Cycle Document

WinDRT display controls need to be added.
Awaiting electronic version of DFIRS ICD.



Accomplishments To Date

Contract Signed (15-Sep-98)

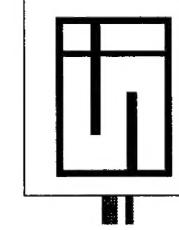
Preliminary SRS complete

Computer and 1553 Card procured

SI Test Environment defined and in debug

Flight software development underway

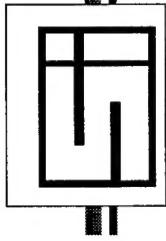
Ground software development underway



Planned Activities For Next Two Months

- Define what support China Lake will need
- Understand what testing China Lake will perform
- Continue software development
- Begin informal system / software testing
- Begin test procedure development

Issues / concerns



- SI needs electronic copy of ICD-F/A-18-078 (F/A-18 FLIGHT LOADS DATA RECORDER INTERFACE CONTROL DOCUMENT 15C/16E) Boeing sent to PMA-265 on 9/28/98 to be forwarded to SI.
- China Lake download equipment / ground software.
- China Lake integration requirements and schedule
- MIL-STD-1553 Definition